

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 9 and 17 were amended.

Claim 21 was added.

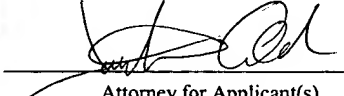
**Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment**

This amendment corrects deficiencies cited in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 31, 2006. In particular, in the **Amendments In the Claims** section Claims 9 and 17 have been corrected to include text previously added by Applicants in the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 20, 2005.

**CONCLUSION**

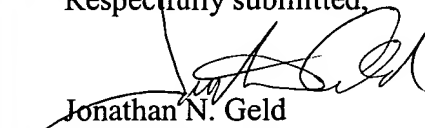
In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on February 14, 2006.

  
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